

Photo by Jim MacNeil

Learning to communicate

The speech and hearing clinic located on the fourth floor of the Administration Building, offers diagnostic services and therapy for those with speech, hearing, and language problems. At the same time communication disorders majors gain experience by planning and conducting therapy sessions. A young client [pictured above] works on speech exercises at the clinic. Story and photos on pages 8 and 9.

College fees are increasing

by Suzanne Cruzen

Students will be paying more for their education at NWMSU next fall.

Increases in the incidental fees, housing costs for private rooms and food service costs were approved Nov. 15 by the Board of Regents.

"We have no alternative but to raise our fees," President Dr. B.D. Owens told the Board.

Semester increases include a \$20 boost in incidental fees for Missouri residents and graduate students with out-of-state students paying an additional \$35. Study during the summer session will require \$10 more for Missouri residents and graduate students. Out-of-state fees will increase by \$15.

Housing fees for a private room in the high-rise dorms will jump \$25 during the fall and spring semesters and \$15 during the summer session. Other housing will cost the student an additional \$15 for a private room and double occupancy room costs will remain the same.

Food costs will experience a \$20 increase for a 20-meal contract, \$40 for a 15-meal contract and \$45 for a 10-meal contract for the fall and spring semesters. Summer food costs will show an increase of \$15 for a 20-meal contract, \$25 for a 15-meal contract and \$30 for a 10-meal contract. Another "attempt to conserve on the operating cost," according to President Owens is a \$1.50 charge for a school catalog. The enrolling student will receive the first catalog free and then will be charged for additional catalogs.

The impetus for these increases came from two sources, according to President Owens.

The first encouragement for a fee boost came with the Master Plan III in which the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education calls for the student to pay 20 percent of his educational costs. Presently, the NWMSU student is financing 16.9 percent of his college costs. The fee rise will not greatly affect this figure according to President Owens.

"Missouri is low in the terms of the amount paid by the student for his educational service," he said.

Following this low-tuition philosophy, NWMSU has resisted a fee rise for two years.

"It is essential to the strength of this institution that the fees remain as low as possible," said President Owens.

Presently, NWMSU fees are lower than many other state universities. But all universities seem to be plagued with the same problem that faces NWMSU.

Central Missouri State University, Lincoln University, Southeast Missouri State University and Southwest Missouri State University are also considering fee increases.

A second factor contributing to NWMSU's fee increase is inflation, according to President Owens.

Although the Coordinating Board has recommended an increase of \$708,338 in state appropriations, this may not meet the approval of the Governor's Budget Office.

University Treasurer Don Henry agrees with President Owens. He believes the Governor will follow President Carter's guidelines to hold back inflation, cutting down on the \$9,548,915 state appropriations for NWMSU recommended by the Coordinating Board.

This probable cutback by the Budgeting Office will place more importance on the fee raise--an increase which President Owens thinks will meet with little opposition from students and parents.

"I talked to parents during Parent's Day and found there was no outstanding negative reaction," said President Owens. "Most are appreciative that we are trying to keep the fees as low as possible."

NOTES

NEWS

MUSSALLEM AWARDED BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Tom Mussallem, a senior in finance and accounting at NWMSU, has been awarded the second annual \$1,000 Edward D. Jones & Co. scholarship, for the 1978-79 academic year.

Criteria for the selection of Mussallem include having at least a 3.00 GPA, senior status, personality, leadership and potential for success in the business world.

FASHION SHOW AND DANCE SLATED

A cultural fashion show and semiformal dance, sponsored by Harambee House, will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 17 in the new Spanish Den.

FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Two NWMSU English department faculty members will attend the National Council of Teachers of English, held in Kansas City Nov. 20-25.

Dorothy Weigard, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Carrol Fry will be attending the meeting and participating in panel discussions.

DANCE MARATHON BEGINS FRIDAY

The Muscular Dystrophy dance marathon will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday and will continue for 25 hours before concluding at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Friday night's bands include Portrait from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Myth from 8:30-10:30 p.m., and Fifth Wheel Drive from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday. Legend will perform from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The M-Club, a men's and women's physical education club will escort the dancers and will assist them. They will also help with registration and miscellaneous duties.

DEBATE TEAM FINISHES FOURTH

Ken Himes and Ward Smith battled their way to a fourth place finish at the annual Kansas University Debate Tournament, held Nov. 10-12 at Lawrence, Kansas.

Himes captured the fifth place speaker award, while Smith followed in the sixth-place position.

FORENSICS SQUAD PLACES FIRST

NWMSU Forensics Squad attended the William Jewell Blizzard Debate Tournament Nov. 10 and 11 and placed first in Sweepstakes points. They complimented their tournament showing with three first-place finishes.

In debate, Gregg Turner and Bruce Williamson blitzed the tournament with a 7-0 record. Turner and Williamson placed third and fourth in individual speaker standings, respectively, while placing first in team competition. Mike Wolf and Scott Kilpatrick finished fourth.

In individual events, Susan Cayanaugh placed first in prose and poetry with perfect rankings throughout the tournament. Paul Crotty won second place in poetry in a field of 50 entries. Diane Dukes placed fourth in poetry.

WINNERS OF TURKEY DAY NAMED

Dr. James Leu received a 20-pound turkey as first place prize in the faculty Turkey Day contest Nov. 14.

Second place went to Dr. E. K. DeVore, who received a 10-pound turkey. Dr. Pat Wynne and Paul Jones tied for third place and each received a seven-pound turkey.

Pat McLaughlin won the faculty vote and was presented a baking hen.

The Turkey Day was sponsored by the Union Board.

DELTA CHI CELEBRATE TENTH YEAR

Delta Chi fraternity will be celebrating their 10th anniversary on Nov. 20. They were founded nationally on Oct. 13, 1890 and received their charter at NWMSU in 1968.

"We are very proud of the progress we have made so far and expect continued progress for the future," said Nick Gray, national Delta Chi president and a member of the NWMSU chapter.

COLE TUCKEY TO PERFORM

Cole Tuckey, a rock group, will perform from 8:00-10:30 p.m. Nov. 29 in the coffeehouse.

STUDENT SENATE MEETING SCHEDULED

The Student Senate will hold their next meeting at 7:15 p.m. Nov. 28 in Roberta Hall.

LEADERS OF THE MONTH SELECTED

Diann Piper and Chris Dahm have been selected the two Leaders of the Month for October by the Cardinal Key National Honor Society.

The two had served as co-chairmen for Homecoming 1978, and were selected for their work in coordinating homecoming activities.

ART CLUB TO PRESENT SHOW AND SALE

The Art Club will present a show and a sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2.

The sale, which will include demonstrations of their work, will be held in the Fine Arts building.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY IRC

A leadership workshop will be sponsored by the IRC from 5-10 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Union Ballroom.

The training sessions will concern problem-solving, decision-making, goal-setting, effective meeting, motivation and communication.

The free workshop is open to participants from all student organizations.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM PLACES FIFTH

NWMSU's livestock judging team finished fifth in sheep judging last week at the American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City.

Mark Lalam led NWMSU with a sixth-place finish out of 125 contestants.

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Shah in trouble

Iranian students react to turmoil in homeland

by R. K. Pore

What would it be like to be thousands of miles away from your home attending a foreign university and witness indirectly through a foreign press a civil disorder in your country?

More than 1,200 people have died in Iran because of the trouble this year...

Iranians attending NWMSU and other universities in America are facing this sort of dilemma. For the last ten months, strikes and demonstrations have plagued Iran. In the last couple of weeks the strikes have become worse (30,000 oil-field workers have walked off their jobs) and the demonstrations have become bloody.

Recently, the 59-year-old ruler of Iran, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, has taken strong action by declaring martial law, promising to crack down on corruption within his own regime.

All this turmoil in Iran has caused the United States to become concerned. Iran is the second leading exporter of oil in the world and the curtailing of oil production in Iran could mean trouble for western Europe and Israel.

The pressures on the Shah have become tremendous. More than 1,200 people have died in Iran because of the trouble this year, with the opposition seeming to be centered around radical students, middle-class Iranians

and conservative Muslims. Exiled Muslim leader Ayatollah Rugollag Khomeini has rejected any negotiations with the Shah and has called for his abdication and the establishment of an Islamic Republic in Iran or face a full-scale civil war.

President Carter has recently said, "Our friendship and our alliance with Iran is one of our important bases on which our entire foreign policy depends." The United States is the leading supplier of military weapons to Iran.

The Shah is spending billions of dollars for military weapons from the United States...

On hearing about the civil disorder in Iran, members of the Iranian Student Association at NWMSU said, "On one side we were sad about the death and destruction that was happening in our country, but on the other side, we were happy that change was coming about."

To the Iranian students on campus these civil disorders have been brewing for some time.

"We think the problem is a culmination of the Shah's repression of human rights and democracy and the soaring inflation rate in Iran. The Shah is spending billions of dollars for military weapons from the United States and not distributing the wealth to the people. The problem in Iran is not a religious one, but the denial of human rights."

In describing the feelings the Iranian students had in hearing about the problems in their country and not being able to participate directly, members of the Iranian Student Association commented, "Personally, we feel bad that we aren't directly involved in what's going on in our country. We would like to go back, but we can help our country by staying here and learning about the American standard of living and about democracy and independence in this country and how to apply these things when we go back to Iran."

The Iranian students don't think Americans are getting an accurate picture of what's happening in Iran.

"We feel it is important for Iranian students to inform the people of the United States of what is happening inside Iran."

Whatever happens in Iran over the next couple of months could affect the Iranian students here at NWMSU and all over America and members of the Iranian Student Association seem to be ready to make a commitment.

'The problem in Iran is not a religious one, but the denial of human rights,' said the Iranian students.

"We are ready to go back to Iran, regardless of what happens. We want to help make Iran a democracy and help spread human rights in our country."

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Final Examination schedule fall Fall Semester 1978

Final Exams begin at 7:30 a.m., Dec. 11 and end at 6 p.m., Dec. 15.

Classes meeting for the first time in the week:

Date and hour of final examination:

4:00 Tuesday.....Monday, December 11, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Tuesday.....10:00 a.m.
11:00 Monday.....1:00 p.m.
9:00 Tuesday.....3:30 p.m.
Eng. 220 and Sp. 220.....7:00 p.m.

2:00 Monday.....Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 a.m.
9:00 Monday.....10:00 a.m.
3:00 Tuesday.....1:00 p.m.
3:00 Monday.....3:30 p.m.
Biol. 102.....7:00 p.m.

1:00 Tuesday.....Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 a.m.

Pol. Sc. 102.....10:00 a.m.
12:00 Monday.....1:00 p.m.
10:00 Monday.....3:30 p.m.
Hist. 151.....7:00 p.m.

Chem. 113.....Thursday, December 14, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Monday.....10:00 a.m.
1:00 Monday.....1:00 p.m.
12:00 Tuesday.....3:30 p.m.
Sp. 101.....7:00 p.m.

10:00 Tuesday.....Friday, December 15, 7:30 a.m.
11:00 Tuesday.....10:00 a.m.
2:00 Tuesday.....1:00 p.m.
4:00 Monday.....3:30 p.m.

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Eng. 220 and Sp. 220.....December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Biol. 102.....December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Pol. Sc. 102.....December 13, 10:00 a.m.
Chem. 113.....December 14, 7:30 a.m.
Speech 101.....December 14, 7:00 p.m.
Hist. 151.....December 13, 7:00 p.m.

GRADUATE CLASSES TEST ON LAST CLASS MEETING

Mono spreads on campus

Mononucleosis, the "kissing disease," has hit NWMSU and according to the University Health Service it is much more common than last year.

Seventeen cases of mononucleosis have been confirmed by the Health Center this fall alone, according to Barb Sherer, a nurse at the University Health Center. "And we test at least three to four times that many daily," she said.

These figures compare with only seven confirmed cases last year, none of which were reported before January, according to Sherer.

According to Dr. Desmon Disney, of the University Health Service, infectious mononucleosis is caused by a virus present in the saliva and is not easily transmitted.

"Intimate contact is necessary," Dr. Disney said.

Most cases are reported in the fall and winter when school is in session. It is most common among people in their teens to early twenties.

The most common symptoms of mononucleosis are a sore throat, fatigue, swollen glands and a fever. These symptoms can range from a mild, washed-out feeling to severe illness.

While the main complaint is a sore throat that can develop into tonsillitis, half of the people who have mononucleosis suffer liver and/or spleen enlargement.

The enlarged spleen can be easily ruptured by activity. Liver involvement is mild, but enough that women on birth control pills are advised not to use them for six months after having the disease.

While there is no specific therapy for mononucleosis, Dr. Disney recommends the patient remain in bed, gargle with warm salt water and take aspirin for a fever.

Dr. Disney also recommends students wait 24-48 hours after the fever breaks before resuming classes and wait three weeks before resuming physical activity.

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Arson

Cheap to commit, hard to detect

One of the easiest and cheapest crimes to commit may be taking its toll at NWMSU.

"Arson is the cheapest crime in the world to commit. All you need is a box of matches," said Lieut. James Mahoney, chief investigator for the San Francisco Fire Department in the Oct. 31, 1978 issue of *Time*.

Even though arson has not been determined in any of the campus fires, according to Security Investigator Roger Crumpton, arson is suspected.

"The evidence which points to arson is the

similar circumstances of each of the fires," said Crumpton.

Once a fire has been extinguished, officials usually sift through the remains of the fire to discover the originating source. According to Crumpton, this is not often easy. If the fire was started from matches, these obviously will be destroyed. It is a little easier when the originating source is gas, kerosene or an electrical malfunction.

The investigation of the campus fires has not been closed, said Crumpton.

"We're still just questioning individuals and following up every lead we get," he said.

The American Insurance Association approximated the total arson bill in the United States between \$10 billion and \$15 billion for last year alone, according to *Time*.

Here at NWMSU, the price tag of arson has reached approximately \$250 in damage costs and approximately \$500 in labor for clean-up following the fires, according to Bob Henry, director of News and Information.

Arson is an expensive sport in more than just dollars. Officials blame arson for more than 1,000 deaths and 10,000 injuries in the United States every year, reported *Time*.

One of these injuries can be chalked up to a Phillips fire when Bruce Soren, Phillips 603, was treated at St. Francis Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Arson is one of the easiest crimes to commit, but one of the most difficult to prosecute.

"We have to actually see the fire being started," said Gary McHahon, acting director of Maryville Public Safety "because the evidence will most often be destroyed."

Very few arsonists are ever caught. According to McHahon, only one percent of the arsonists are prosecuted.

IRC gambles for charity

Although NWMSU is not the gambling capital of the nation, students will be given a chance to experience "gambling fever" Nov. 17 during the annual Casino Night.

Sponsored by the IRC, it will begin at 8 p.m. in Lamkin Gym, in conjunction with the dance marathon. Casino Night will include blackjack tables, roulette tables, a wheel of fortune and other casino games, according to Craig Archibald, chairman of the social committee.

At 2 a.m. the next morning, an auction will be held, with prizes including a black and white portable Midland television set, a General Electric radio/digital alarm clock, two popcorn poppers, a habachi grill, two blow dryers and a life-size teddy bear. A total of \$370 was allotted by the IRC for prizes.

All proceeds of the event will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Task force to study teacher evaluations

Teacher evaluations will soon be under the scrutiny of a 12-member task force.

Initiated by the Student Senate and President Dr. B. D. Owens, this task force is to be composed of four faculty members, one division head, one administration and six students.

Selection of the members is currently underway in the Faculty and Student Senates. Anyone who is interested in serving on the task force should contact Roger Scarbrough, Dave Hunt or other Student Senators in the Senate Office in Hawkins Hall or their Faculty Senate representative by Nov. 21.

Requiring "extensive reading of teacher evaluation techniques and decision making," this task force is set to begin its work Dec. 1, according to Scarbrough.

The students who will serve on the task force, although they will be nominated and selected by the Student Senate, do not have to be Student Senators.

"It's a student task force, not a Senate task force," said Hunt.

Student Senators have presented a list of ten recommended teachers to serve on the task force to the Faculty Senate. Final selection of the faculty representation will be made there.

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Renown magician Professor Miller pauses after the successful completion of one of the world's oldest magic acts--sawing a woman in half. Professor Miller and Company appeared Tuesday night in Lamkin Gymnasium in a show sponsored by the St. Francis Hospital Auxillary.

Photo by Ben Holder

The Stroller

Feeling a bit drowsy, your Stroller decided that he'd give up the party scene at an earlier-than-normal hour one night last week. Your campus Hero partied until about midnight and decided to give the ol' body a break and go rest his baby blues for about 10 or 12 hours.

Finishing off one last glass of his favorite brew, your sleepy campus Crusader said his good nights and trotted to his room already beginning to dream of Linda Ronstaadt.

Falling asleep was no problem for your exhausted Stroller as he had experienced a rough week of parties. Your Hero quickly began counting the Z's.

Linda was in your Stroller's arms inviting him to come to her Blue Bayou. She was looking longingly into your Hero's lust-filled eyes.

"Do you like the way I sing?" she purred.

As your Stroller began to reply, a loud buzz jolted him back to reality.

"Great," thought your Hero. "The fire alarm."

Debating on whether or not to get up and leave his room and Linda, your Stroller wiped the sleep from his eyes. After having already had one brush with Five-O this year, your Hero didn't wish another one, so your campus Crusader got up, got dressed and sleepily headed for the stairs.

Upon his arrival in the dorm lounge, your Hero was amazed. Not only was Dormitory Five-O there telling people what to do, but so was campus security and many other unidentified people.

"Go to the annex cafeteria," they droned.

"What for?" someone yelled.

"Just do it," replied a gruff voice.

After about 45 minutes of sitting in the cafeteria not knowing what was going on, your Stroller was longing to get back into the sack with Linda.

The question on every one's mind was "What's going on here? Why the big secret?"

Just then, the Director of Security, (a popular favorite with the crowd) came in to speak to the bewildered throng.

"We had a bomb threat about an hour ago," he said. "We're searching the whole building. You'll probably be here awhile."

After the general fear in your Stroller's mind of what they might find in his room died down, your Hero was angry that they had waited so long to tell everyone the situation.

While your Hero was still brooding, it was announced that everyone could go back to bed.

Climbing up the stairs and into bed, your Stroller tried to think of Linda again but couldn't because he was still mad at security for not letting everyone know what was going on.

"It just proves the old saying," thought your Stroller. "Security could screw up a threat dream."

Well, your Stroller was fed some false information last week. Your Hero's "speedy hearing" as promised him in his Student Handbook has still not taken place.

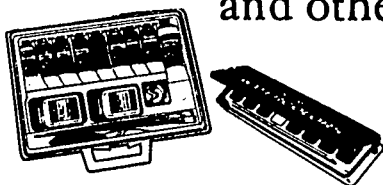
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PROFICIENCY TEST

Oh sure, injured indignation. "A quiz?" you protest, feigning ignorance. Well sir, what do you think these mountaineering¹ lessons have been all about? That's right — knowledge, and the accumulation thereof. So put your gray matter on red alert and start cracking. Here's where you move to the top of the mountain. Or get left at base camp. And, by the way, remember that the difference between the two is all in your head.

Multiple Choice

Drinking Busch beer is known as:

- (A) Sucking 'em up
- (B) Downing the mountains
- (C) Quaffing
- (D) Peaking

A mountaineer's best friend is his:

- (A) Dog
- (B) Bailbondsman
- (C) Main squeeze
- (D) Free and flexible arm

Bennington Baxter-Bennington, the noted financier of mountaineering expeditions, was fond of saying:

- (A) "The price is right."
- (B) "Your check is in the mail."
- (C) "Keep all your assets liquid."
- (D) "Put this on my tab, fella."

The best place for a mountaineer to take a romantic R&R is:

- (A) Somewhere over the rainbow
- (B) 24 hours from Tulsa
- (C) In the craggy peaks
- (D) Deep in the heart of Texas

You can recognize a mountaineer by his:

- (A) Crampons
- (B) Sherpa guides
- (C) Pickaxe
- (D) Foamy moustache

The most common reason for mountaineering is:

- (A) Because it's there
- (B) Because it's better than nothing
- (C) Because nothing is better
- (D) All of the above

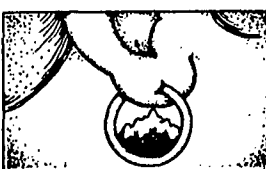

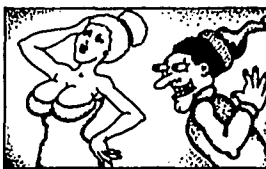
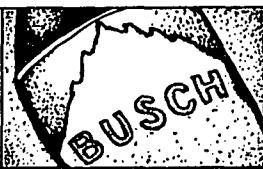






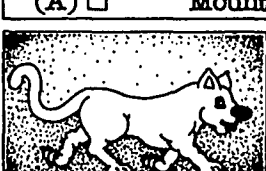

Answer: None of the above. There is no common motive that makes every mountaineer. Each marches his own off-key tune, but keep in mind that on the peak they all come to the same point.

Oral Exam

Here's where you put your tongue to the test. Arrange three glasses, two ordinary beers and one Busch in front of yourself. Ask a friend to blindfold you and pour each into a glass. Sip all three, taking pains to clear your palate between beers — either by eating a plain soda cracker or lightly dusting your tongue with a belt sander. After sampling each, identify the mountains. Unless you've just returned from the dentist with a mouthful of novocaine, this should be easy. Cold refreshment and natural smoothness are your two big clues to the peak.

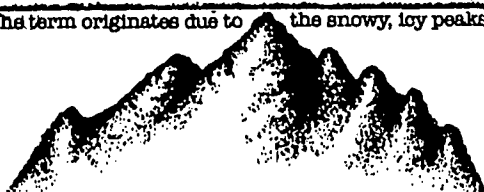
Eye Test

This is the visual perception portion. Simply read the pertinent subject phrase and determine which picture most closely symbolizes it. Then, check the appropriate box.

			
(A) <input type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering	(B) <input type="checkbox"/>	(A) <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Peak	(B) <input type="checkbox"/>
			
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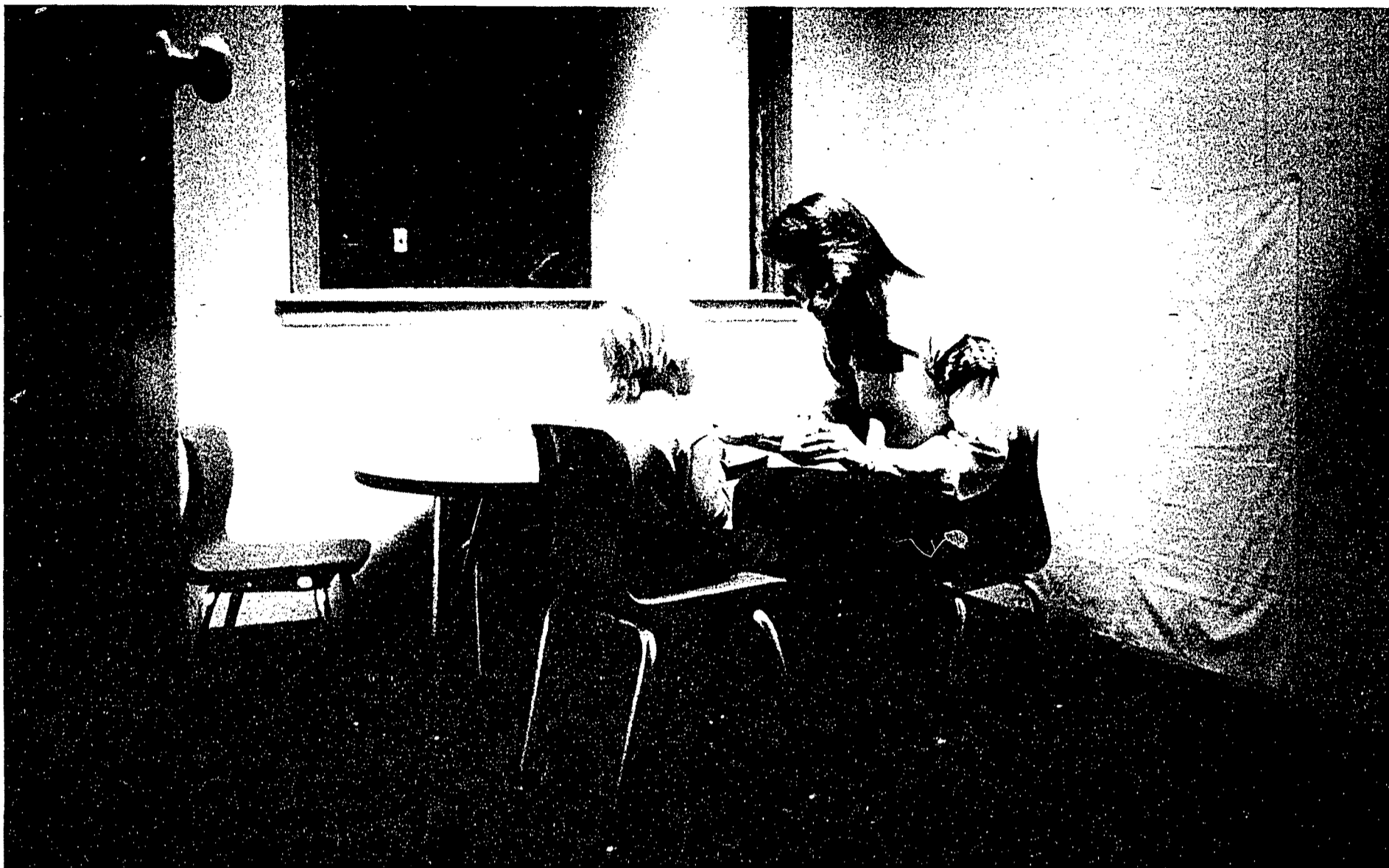
Scoring 10-13 correct: congratulations, bucky, your flag waves at the summit. 7-10 correct: not bad but there's room for improvement; run to the package store and keep mountaineering. 4-7 correct: don't mountaineer without an adult guardian. Less than 4: who read this test to you?

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In one of seven therapy rooms, student clinician Pat Turner works with three-year-old Scott, while other students and parents of clients observe through the one-way mirror.



Turner uses picture cards for Scott to identify.



Graduate student, Kate Crawford uses the reward system for five-year old Deanna.

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Jim, a sheltered workshop employee, concentrates as he works with a student clinician.

Speech and hearing: The key to communication

NWMSU's speech and hearing clinic, unknown to many students, is vitally important to its approximately 45 clients, 12 students, and two supervisors.

Serving a double purpose, the clinic provides diagnostic services and therapy to those with speech, hearing, and language problems, while allowing communication disorder majors a chance to gain practicum experience.

Communication disorders has no minor and has a bachelor of science in elementary and secondary education.

"We can provide services that the community needs, but aren't available," said Jane Wegner, instructor and clinical supervisor.

"All the students diagnose as well as doing therapy."

Student clinicians this semester are Kate Crawford, Carolyn Finck, Marsha Donovan, Lori Griffin, Lena Hall, David Holmes, Robin Lewis, Gem McFarland, Terri Myers, Carol Negaard, Sherry Reed and Pat Turner.

The majority of the clients are children.

The clinic is now located on the fourth floor of the Administration Building, but was first started in 1968 at Horace Mann Elementary. "There was no place for us to expand at Horace Mann because of the rapid growth of clients and students," said Jerry LaVoi, assistant professor and supervisor. "We were also separated from the rest of the speech department."

The speech and hearing clinic includes seven therapy rooms all equipped with one-way mirrors and intercoms for observation, equipment used mostly for diagnostic purposes, and a room for student therapists to plan their sessions.

Clients at the clinic vary from children, adults and college students to a few foreign exchange students.

The adults who come for therapy are mainly for hearing impairments or speech impaired by a stroke.

"The majority of our clients have speech or language problems," said Wegner. "Those with hearing problems also have speech problems."

The number of clients served by the clinic depends on the number of students doing communication disorders majors.

"In the fall of '69 there were four students with that major, but in '75 there were 24," said LaVoi. "Enrollment has pretty much stabilized since '75."

Clients come from referrals by physicians, hospitals or schools. The majority of the clients are children.

"Adults are usually more motivated than children," said Donovan. "An adult is here because he wants to be, but a child comes because he has to."

'It's not an unpleasant experience for the children,' said Wegner.

To motivate children in therapy, the reward system is used.

"I like to work with adults but with kids you can reinforce them," said McFarland. "If an adult gets depressed it's hard to get him going again."

Rewards for children include stickers, candy, tokens, pictures, beads or simply time to blow bubbles.

"Some of the kids also go for a 'very good' or a smile," said McFarland.

Some children might think of speech or hearing therapy as something to avoid but Wegner disagrees.

"It's not an unpleasant experience for the children. They like to come here because we do interesting things," she said.

For the children involved in the clinic therapy their family can play an important role.

"Sometimes the parents are the main clinician with home programs, but some we don't see except at conferences," said LaVoi.

Some parents also observe sessions and then duplicate what they saw the therapist doing at home.

"It helps if the parents work with the child," said Reed. "Then the child's motivated here and at home."

For most parents, the primary role is to reinforce what's learned in the clinic.

"If the parent works with the child at home it makes it seem more like a life-style than if they just come in for therapy one day a week," said Myers.

Planning and progress recording are also part of therapy sessions.

"Students plan out their therapy and the behavior they'd like to correct," said Wegner.

For every one hour spent on therapy, clinicians can count on two hours of paperwork. All together, they spend about 18 hours a week at the clinic.

"There's paperwork for everything you do," said Donovan.

By the time a student completes the communication disorders major, they will have at least 100 hours of therapy and probably 150 after student teaching.

"They have a good deal of preparation before taking their first job," said Wegner.

Most of the students plan on going for a masters degree.

"In order to be certified by the American Speech and Hearing Organization they must hold a masters degree, pass a national exam and hold a clinical fellowship," said Wegner.

Reasons for taking a communication disorders major vary from student to student.

"I went into it because it's a really open field that needs workers," said Myers. "I also like to work with children."

"I started speech therapy because when I was in elementary and high school, I had speech therapy. It was interesting and it worked," said Hall.

'It's hard to change behavior used as much as communication,' said LaVoi.

"I went into it because I had a younger cousin who went from completely unintelligible to normal tongue," said Griffin.

Supervisors, LaVoi and Wegner, believe it takes certain qualities to be a therapist.

"They need a lot of flexibility, creativity and firm dedication to helping others," said LaVoi.

"Satisfaction from small things helps," said Wegner.

Besides the two supervisors and students, audiologist Jim Powell from St. Joseph is in the clinic once a week to check hearing. A new supervisor, Larry Floyd, will also be added to the staff next semester.

For the student clinicians, therapy can sometimes be both frustrating and rewarding.

"It's hard to change behavior used as much as communication," said LaVoi.

"It's difficult when someone's been making a lot of progress and then stops," said McFarland.

Donovan agrees.

"Sometimes they'll do really well one session and then the next they won't do very well."

"I think sometimes we have to deal with our own feelings that we aren't making any improvements with our clients," said Hall.

Although therapy can run into occasional problems the clinicians agreed it was rewarding.

"It's always nice when you know you've helped somebody," said Turner.

McGinnis returns to campus

by Suzie Zillner

Darrell McGinnis, former NWMSU art instructor, returned to the University--but not to teach.

McGinnis, well-known in the Midwest for his ceramic structures, was on campus last week as the art department's visiting artist. Some of his favorite works will be featured in the Fine Arts Building Gallery until Nov. 24.

During McGinnis' three-day stay, he presented a public slide lecture on ceramics and gave demonstrations to the ceramic class.

Professor of Art at Fort Hayes State University, Fort Hayes, Kan., McGinnis taught at NWMSU from 1961-1964.

"I regretted leaving Maryville 14 years ago because the Olive DeLuce Building, which I helped design, was under construction, but I've had good experiences in Hayes," he said.

Because his high school had no art program, McGinnis' interest in art began in the Navy.

"That was just the beginning of it," he recalled. "I went to college on the GI bill and earned a Masters degree in art with a ceramic emphasis. It was the Navy that brought it all together."

Today, McGinnis has displayed his works in Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Texas, Georgia and Kansas, and has won several awards.

"I try to show my work frequently and schedule two or three one-person shows annually," he said.

What makes a piece of work successful?

"First, it requires an exciting, important idea," he said. "Then it has to be developed successfully--but only I can determine whether or not it is successful. Art is very subjective. It doesn't matter what a juror in a show thinks about your work, it's how you, as the artist, feel about it."

McGinnis said the idea of a piece should be very vague and not a blueprint.

"When you're working, the piece should emerge from the idea," he explained.

McGinnis' favorite work is a piece he calls, 'The Fence.' It is a large, rust-colored ceramic structure that resembles an old wooden fence. It took him two weeks of his spare time to make it, but he says he spent from 1956-1978 getting ready to make it.

"During those years, I thought a lot, and looked at many things. I looked at bed frames, because they are joined together much like the sectioned pieces of a fence, and I looked at wooden things like fence posts and aged wood."

"I tried to be clever and the juror didn't appreciate it when I took it to a show--but I still like it anyway," he said.

McGinnis will return to the University during the Thanksgiving holiday and take his pieces to another show.



The Tower Choir will be in concert Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

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'Birding' more than hobby for Barksdale

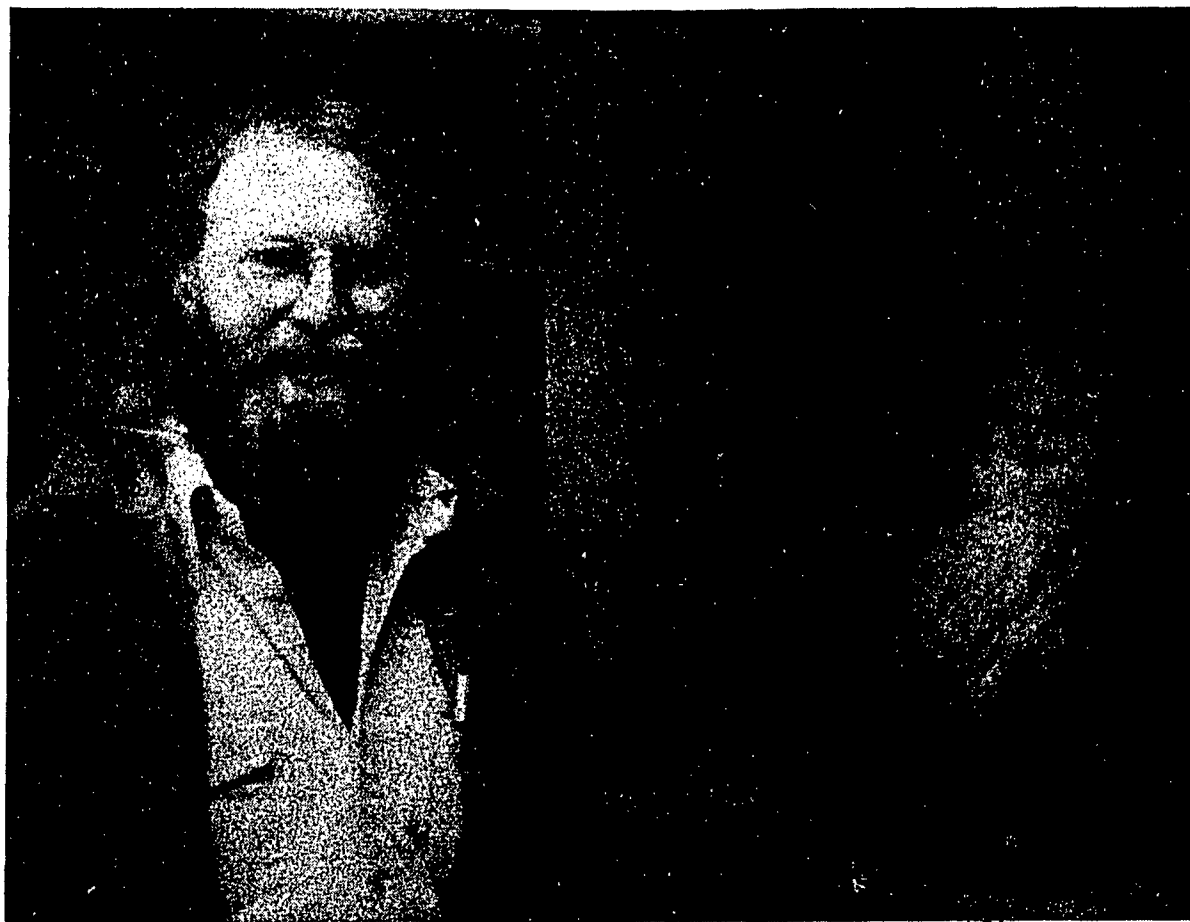


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by Yolanda Watson

"Bird-watching is an old lady's term, and gives me an old lady's image. I don't like her, and look down on her. I go birding, but not like an old lady," said Tim Barksdale, senior.

"I travel to St. Louis each weekend, and go birding on the Mississippi River," he said. "During the summer, I fight off pesty insects, and during the winter, I fight against the cold."

The 26-year-old bird lover watched his first bird 14 years ago, with his grandfather's World War I binoculars.

"I was 12 years old, and living in Mexico at the time I first started birding," he said. "I used my grandfather's WWI one-power binoculars then. Today I use 40-power binoculars."

Gradually, Barksdale expanded from falconry (training hawks and falcons) to ornithology (the study of birds).

"I've done a lot of traveling and birding around the country, including Alaska, researching in the field of the identity and distribution of birds," said Barksdale. "I'll be returning to Alaska in May."

Barksdale came to NWMSU to study under Dr. David Easterla.

"I feel he's the best ornithologist in the state," said Barksdale.

Ornithology has become a way of life to Tim Barksdale. Barksdale [above] points to a snowy owl.

When Barksdale began birding, he carried a book on birds with him to help overcome the difficulty of identifying the different birds and species.

"I don't carry that book anymore because I feel confident," he said. "I have developed a skill and an eye for identifying closely-related species and the areas where the different species nest."

Barksdale spent 1975 traveling 65,000 miles. During this time, he photographed and recorded 615 different species of birds.

"On the Mississippi River, I saw the first state record of Thayers Gull (a bird that normally nests as north as Washington, British Columbia, and South Alaska, and as south as Central and Southern California)," he said. "I submitted 12 pages of notes and photographs of the Thayers Gull to national experts who verified the species identity."

Presently, Barksdale is further investigating these findings as a school project. He travels to the Mississippi River every weekend to learn how often Thayers Gull are in the area and why other species are closely related to it.

"I bought all of my equipment and admit my hobby of birding is expensive," said Barksdale, "but there's nothing else like birding. Birds are the most mobile of all

animals, because they wander so much. To be able to sight a rare bird or "lifer" (a bird never seen before in one's life) is a stimulus for me."

Even though birding is enjoyable for Barksdale, he admits it can cause problems.

"I have been married for four years and birding has its difficulties," said Barksdale. "Katie, my wife, and I have a two-and-a-half year-old daughter and I don't get to spend a lot of time with her, or Katie for that matter."

Barksdale and his wife both enjoy the outdoors.

"Katie is mostly into botany," he said. "We used to do a lot of hiking, taking Heather, our daughter, with us. Heather can even do owl calls and recognizes different plants. She may even turn out to be a naturalist, but we're not going to force birding or botany on her."

Although birding occupies a lot of time, Barksdale would like to be spending with his family, he wished he could do more of it.

"I wish I had the money to spend all of my time out in the field, just birding," he said. "It's dangerous during the winter because the Mississippi River gets large ice blocks, but it's my thing, and I'm doing it."

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Indians scalp Bearcats

Victory again eluded the Bearcat football team as they closed out their season with a 28-21 loss to the Southeast Missouri State University Indians.

The Bearcats could not offset a 21-point burst by Southeast in the third quarter as their season record ended at 0-11.

"We played well in the first half, especially defensively," Coach Jim Redd said, "We just didn't get any breaks in the second half."

The 'Cats got a break in the first quarter though, as Southeast fumbled on the first series of downs and the Bearcats scored on a Dan Montgomery three-yard run with less than two minutes gone in the game.

The 'Cats weren't finished though as Kirk Mathews scored on runs of two and one yard to move the score to 21-0.

In between those touchdowns, the Bearcats put on a goal line stand. After driving to the 'Cats' end of the field, Southeast tried to run it in, but quarterback Doug Beard fumbled and the 'Cats recovered.

Southeast didn't give up though as they came back with a 65-yard drive and scored with only 24 seconds remaining before the half as Beard went over from the one-yard line.

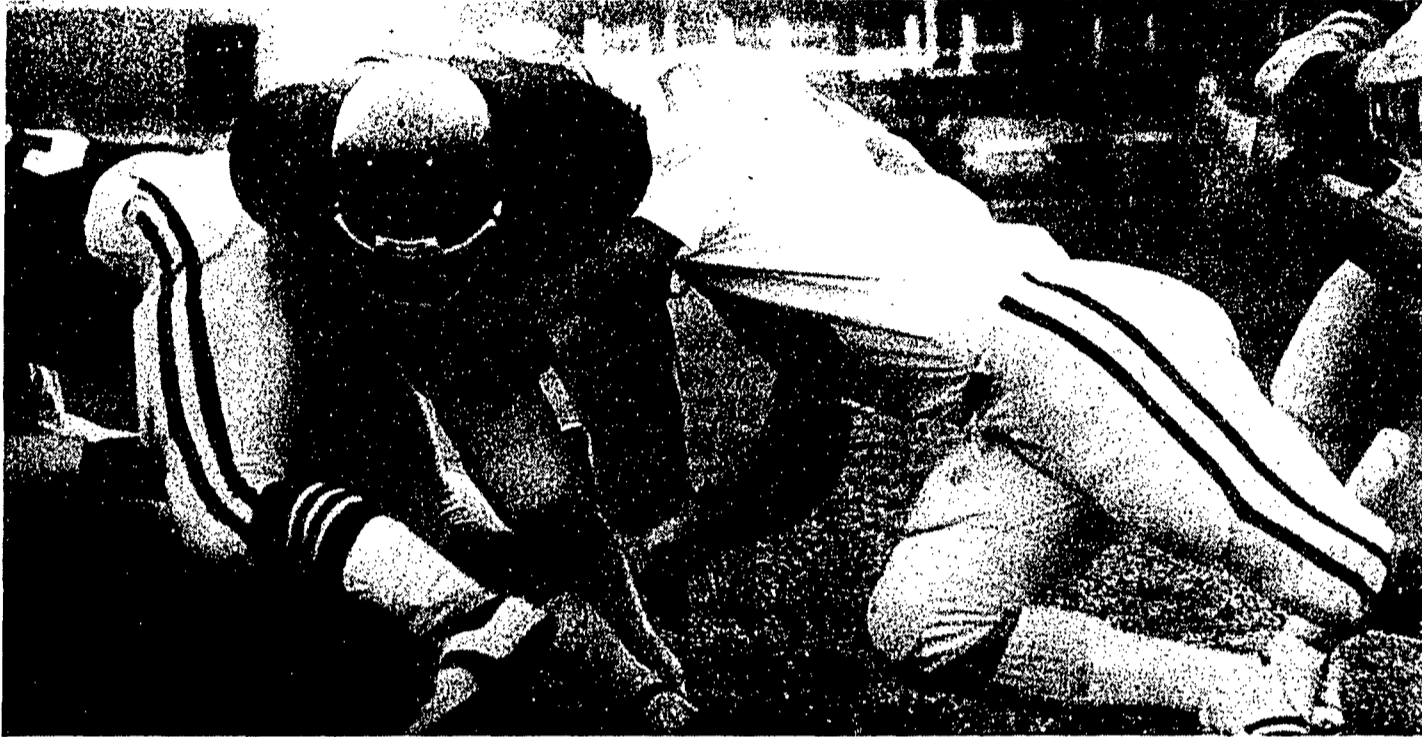
"That touchdown really helped them," Redd said, "but I don't think it was the turning point in the game."

On that drive, the Indians were aided by 20 yards in penalties. A piling on call and an offside enabled them to score.

"These were aggressive mistakes," Redd said, "and I have told the team all year long that I can accept aggressive mistakes."

While the breaks went the 'Cat's way in the first half, nothing seemed to go right in the third quarter.

On the opening series, Southeast



Scoring the first of his two touchdowns, Kirk Mathews sneaks over from the two-yard line. After leading 21-0 the Bearcats fell victim to Southeast Missouri State 28-21.

Photo by Ben Holder

marched 70 yards and scored when Beard hit Brian Keller on a 23-yard touchdown pass. They came back to score another touchdown to tie the score up.

Then came the decisive drive as the Indians went 52 yards in eight plays. The drive was capped when Beard fumbled into the end zone and Mike Wieser recovered it in the end zone.

"That's happened twice since I have been coaching here," Redd said, "It was just a tough break."

That ended the scoring as the Southeast defense shut the 'Cat's passing game down.

"Our passing game was shut down

because of a combination of the wind, their blitz and defensive secondary," Redd said.

On the day Mathews was 4-22 in the air for 63 yards. With this performance Mathews set a season's passing yardage mark of 1,611.

Other records were set in the loss. Brad Boyer, whose three catches went for 50 yards, moved his season mark to 37, equalling a school record. His career passing yardage is now 1,422, making him

the school record holder.

With another fine performance defensively, Rick Tate established another school record with 252 points, bettering Marty Albertson's mark set last year.

Other top defensive players were John Farmer, who intercepted a pass, caused a fumble and made 16 assisted tackles, and Charles White, who was in on 18 tackles for the day. Dave Toti also came up with an intercepted pass.

ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gieseke

It was a long year.

The football team ended its season Nov. 11 with a 28-21 loss at the hands of Southeast Missouri State University. This moves the 'Cats record to 0-11. The last time they went winless in a season was 1968 when they were 0-9.

Now, the Bearcat football program is at rock bottom. Changes have to be made to come back to the winning program fans around the Northwest Missouri area have seen in the past.

Offensively, rushing was a sore spot for the 'Cats this year and will be again next year unless a running back with speed comes here. This year the 'Cats were outgained three to one by their opponents on the ground. You just don't win ball games with this type of ground game.

The size of both lines needs to be beefed up a bit. In the opening game against Augustana the 'Cats were outweighed by as much as 20 to 25 pounds per man along both lines. This past week the 'Cats biggest offensive lineman weighed 218 while Southeast had two players over 230. Offensive and defensive lineman that weigh just over 200 pounds don't move too many 230- to 240-pound lineman.

Another contributing factor to the 'Cats' losing season was the inexperienced players getting lots of playing time. These players next year though, should have the experience needed to put the program back on its feet.

But if a fast running back is not found and the line is not beefed up, it looks like another long season for the 'Cats. Everyone except Central Arkansas will be on the 'Cats schedule again next year so Bearcat fans may once again be in for a long year. But remember that now that we are at the bottom, there is no place to go but up.



Photo by Dave Gieseke

DeWitt Forrester expresses his approval after the Bearcats stop Southeast Missouri State on a goal line stand. This defensive effort was not enough though as the Bearcats lost their eleventh straight this year.

Marriage scores with Livengood

by Lori Atkins

Basketball standout Suzie Livengood has learned that to be successful, one has to work at it. And Livengood has tasted success as a Bearkitten basketball player.

The 5'9" senior from Clarinda, Iowa, averaged eight points and 5.7 rebounds per game last season, and is one of the Bearkittens' top ten leading scorers. She was also named to the 1978 MAIAW tournament all-star team. In addition, she has participated in two regional tournaments and three state tournaments.

Through all of these accomplishments, Livengood has shown her determination and dedication as a basketball player.

But this season will be the true test for Livengood. Having been married last Christmas to Jim Livengood, she now must concentrate on a strong marriage in addition to a strong basketball season.

Livengood believes her marriage hasn't lessened her basketball priorities.

"I like it (basketball)--it's the only reason I'm here," she said.

Although basketball consumes a great deal of time, with practices two hours daily, she believes it won't detract from her marriage.



Photo by Lori Atkins

During a recent practice Suzie Livengood reaches for the basketball. One of the top ten all-time Bearkitten scorers, Livengood has successfully combined marriage and basketball in her life.

"Jim played football in high school and he likes athletics as well as I do," she said. "He likes basketball and supports it. He's going to Las Vegas with the team, and he's thinking about going with us to Oklahoma.

"I don't worry about the time. I try to help him on the farm because he's got enough to do. My schedule worked out so that I don't have classes until 2 p.m., so that gives me some time," she said.

Livengood is fairly confident about this year's basketball season, but expects the competition to be tough.

"I think we're going to be better than last year," she said. "But other teams are, too. It's really too early to tell. I'm really impressed with the freshmen." Last year the Bearkittens finished second in state play.

Of the two, Livengood believes her marriage is the most important.

"I'd have to drop basketball if there were any problems," said Livengood. "But there won't be any."

'Cat grapplers geared for opener

Gary Collins begins a second era of coaching Bearcat wrestling on Dec. 2 as he takes his 'Cat grapplers to Lamoni, Iowa to defend their Graceland Invitational title. Dr Collins returns to a NWMSU after an eight-year absence.

The task of he and graduate assistant coach Bob Reece will be to improve on the team's fourth place in the MIAA last year--the 'Cat's worst showing since the tournament in 1966. They will also be striving to turn out a 22nd consecutive winning season.

The Bearcat wrestlers were 11-4 in duals last year and boast a 200-68-3 dual in 21 seasons of intercollegiate competition.

"We're optimistic about the upcoming season," said Collins. "We have some good people returning and we have some

fine young talent. We'll be strong at the lower and middle weights and if we can develop some consistency at the upper end of the line-up we can have a good season and contend for the conference title."

The key to a successful '78 campaign will hinge on whether the weight classes, weakened by graduation can be adequately filled.

"We have some spots we need to beef up. We lack experience at the 134, 142, and heavyweight classes," said Collins, "but hopefully our recruiting efforts will help us out there. Overall we have a fine nucleus of wrestlers and we have some wrestlers that have potential to be of national caliber."

In his effort to string together a winning season, Collins will rely on 10 returning

lettermen. Those returning veterans are headlined by senior co-captains Marty Carter (167) Bob Glenn (118) and sophomore Terry Lennox (150).

Lennox, who will most likely see duties in the 150-pound class this year, was named the team's outstanding freshman last season. He compiled a 20-7-1 record and secured a second-place finish in the MIAA meet.

Carter was 15-8-1 but failed to place in the MIAA last year while Glenn was a fourth-place conference finisher and wound up with a 9-7 record. He won three matches by falls.

"We have some good returning lettermen," said Collins. "Bob Glenn, Joe High, Terry Lennox, and Marty Carter

were all stalwart last year. We expect real leadership from them."

Other returning letter winners that may fit into Collins' strategy this season include sophomore Jim Shemwell (190) who ended up 9-6 last year with five wins by falls. Junior Craig Buschbom (158) and senior Jeff Peiffer (126) could offer vital contributions.

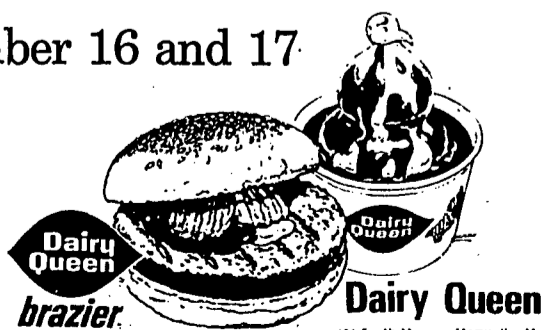
Collins expects the MIAA race to be tough as usual, with Northeast, Central and Southwest Missouri State Universities as the prime contenders for the team championship.

As far as a possible outcome for the Bearcat squad, he comments only that "they're going to know we're around."



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In the Central Missouri State meet, Vernon Darling catches his breath after breaking a school record. In last week's nationals Darling finished 19th and gained all-American honors.

Harriers finish sixteenth

With Vernon Darling earning all-American honors, the Bearcat cross country team placed 16th in the 21st annual NCAA Division II championships Nov. 11.

Darling became the Bearcats' second all-American in cross country with his 19th-place finish. John Wellerding was the first 'Cat harrier all-American, achieving the honor in both 1974 and 1975. The top 25 runners gained all-American status.

"Vernon has a tendency to put a lot of pressure on himself," said Coach Richard Alsup, "but in Saturday's meet I think he relaxed and went out and ran a good meet."

Alsup also had praise for the rest of the 'Cat team.

"All of our guys competed well," he said, "I think they all enjoyed their run."

Dave Montgomery was the only other 'Cat to finish in the upper half of the field. He placed 62nd out of 180 runners.

Other Bearcat finishers were David Winslow, 113th; Bob Kelchner, 120th; and Steve Klatte, 128th.

According to Alsup, one of the 'Cat's goals was to compete with MIAA conference members Central Missouri State and Southwest Missouri State. The 'Cats, who finished third behind these two teams, trailed Central, but surpassed Southwest. Central finished 11th while Southwest placed 20th.

"We went out there (Pennsylvania) and didn't have any idea how we would run against other teams throughout the nation," he said. "So we set our goal to compete with Central and Southwest. We did really well compared to these two schools."

Bearkittens open season

The Bearkittens basketball team will begin their quest for the MAIAW championship at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in Martindale Gym against St. Louis University.

The 'Kittens, with a 20-8 mark last season, finished second to the University of Missouri of Columbia for the MAIAW title last year. Third year coach John Poulson anticipates another successful season.

"I believe we have a better shooting team now as opposed to last year," said Poulson.

The 'Kittens have two outstanding starters returning from a year ago. Seniors Julie Schmitz and Suzie Livengood, both all-tournament picks, are expected to be team leaders this year. Other probable starters are: Karen Eager or Teresa Gumm at one of the guard positions, Patty Painter will be at the other forward position across from Livengood and Julie Chadwick and Valerie House will see action at the center spot.

Coach Poulson believes he can substitute on a regular basis without being hurt in any way.

"We have a well balanced team. That showed in our pre-session scrimmages which were very close," he said.

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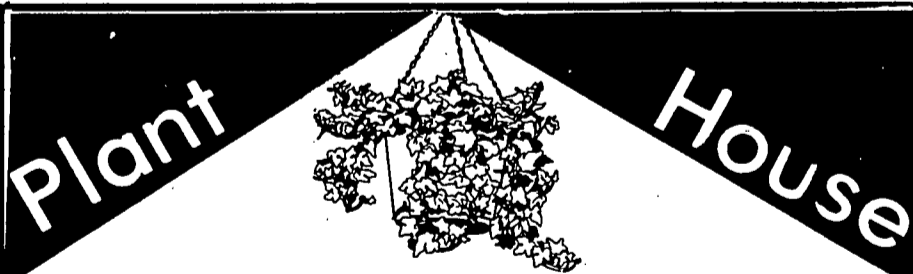
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WINNING IS EVERYTHING

Dear Editor,

I agree that winning is everything. But I define winning differently than Vince Lombardi did. For me, winning is **doing**. I disagree, therefore, with Coach Holley who says winning is playing up to your potential. I agree with Wayne Dyer, author of **Your Erroneous Zones** and **Pulling Your Own Strings**, who says: Select the things that are important to you, and work hard at them, and in the rest of your life, just do. It's OK not to do your best! In fact, the whole "Do Your Best" syndrome is a myth. You never do your absolute best, nor does anyone else. There is always room for improvement, since perfection is not a human attribute. (Y. E. Z. p. 144)

In short, **winning is having a good time doing things that are important to you**. Therefore, I would like to congratulate the football team and coaching staff on a winning season. Ditto for Volleyball and Cross Country!!

Sincerely,
Rich Breiner

PORNOGRAPHY: A kind of worship of sex

Dear Editor,

I like sex without tears. But there is a difference between healthy sex and the business of pornography. Pornography is one of the causes of social problems I have experienced since I came to the U.S.A.

Today's young victims of pornography are reaping a harvest of abortions, venereal disease, cancer and mental problems. Most of these problems seem to be encouraged by some of our social leaders, e.g. judges who can't recognize a dirty picture when they see one; some of the free thinking clergy condone premarital copulation conducted sincerely and some psychiatrists claim smut can provide good mental hygiene.

Somehow, to advise people to stop pornography is a sort of imposing my moral standards on them. A University professor I met in Memphis, Tennessee told me that pornography is American culture. I disagreed with him because according to French News Bulliten in 1968, the earliest pornographers were the Greeks followed by Italians and later by the French in the 19th century. A janitor I met in Chicago told me that pornography is a moral liberty and liberty allows people to lead their own lives. A housewife in Washington D. C. told me that "sex is the foundation of the finest thing in life: a happy lasting marriage so what is wrong with pornographic portrayal of sex. All sex is good." But pornography is a big business to many. A big businessman in Des Moines told me that many of those in the industry make huge profits. A Maryville farmer told me that "deterioration of feminine condition is not associated with the way we were created but the way we use our condition."

Pornography is a kind of worship of sex. We put sex in the place of God. Pornography makes sexuality very important, forgetting that we can't touch sex without contaminating it. Who of us can make the sacrament of sex? The Bible did not. The Koran did not. We should not reject our body because it has sex appeal and we should not sell our dignity for love of money.

Cosmos Okafor [Mazi]
Nigerian Student

IMPROVEMENT IN ATTITUDES NEEDED

Dear Editor,

In the past, many letters have been printed which refer to specific incidents of conflict between students and administration. Seeing the number and frequency of such disagreements, one notices that many students here seem to feel a bit oppressed by their environment. I realize that our school is more liberal than other Missouri universities concerning student privileges. But in keeping with current social trends, our University still appears rather regressed. Dorm life restricts interaction among the sexes, city residents often show hostility toward students, our professionalized security is a ridiculous threat, and the administration often acts with little heed of student opinion.

I know that complaining solves nothing. And to me the positive aspects of this school have satisfied my expectations about academics. But I am concerned. Maybe such conflicts of interest are common among all schools. I don't know. But I do think that the situation could improve with even a little effort. Personally I notice things like having to ask to get my housing deposit back and rarely do I get a response when giving security a friendly wave. I honestly don't think that we students are being overly irrational or demanding. Most of us are here to study. We just want some breathing room and peace of mind.

Richard Watson

EVALUATION of COLEMAN's campaign

Dear Editor,

Last week's elections in Nodaway County held major victories for the Republican Party, who saw all but one of its candidates elected. These results left area GOP supporters pleasantly surprised. What happened to the formerly Democratic county that they used to regard as an electoral obstacle? Are Nodaway Countians becoming more Republican, they ask?

Don't count on it. It would be closer to the truth to say that they are becoming more independent. They have evaluated the qualifications of the candidates, rather than voting by party.

As Congressman Tom Coleman's county campaign chairman, I had the opportunity to evaluate the election firsthand. What I saw was encouraging. I saw voters able to recognize and reject a formerly powerful politician running for a statewide office as a political stepping stone. I saw voters in a largely Democratic district re-elect a congressman on the basis of his record, his abilities and his service to this district.

Congressman Coleman's 60-40 margin in Nodaway County seemed to say, "When you already have the best, why change?" We missed pulling every precinct in the county by five votes, losing in Jefferson Township 175-170. With the sole exception of Ray County, every one of the district's 23 counties voted to return our congressman to office. What most of us up here in the corner of the state don't realize, is that Nodaway is the fifth largest of the Sixth Congressional District's counties, and of the top five counties, it was Nodaway that gave Tom Coleman his largest margin of victory.

The fact that organized labor tends to vote Democratic is no surprise. What is a surprise is that the Democratic contender couldn't pull the anti-Right-to-Work votes. This says loud and clear that Tom Coleman is not just a pro-business, pro-farmer candidate. He is genuinely a people's candidate, popular district-wide.

This was the type of election that reassures a candidate, especially one who many said "came through the back door" in 1976. Well, we came through the front door this time and we owe a large part of it to you. Thank you, Nodaway County.

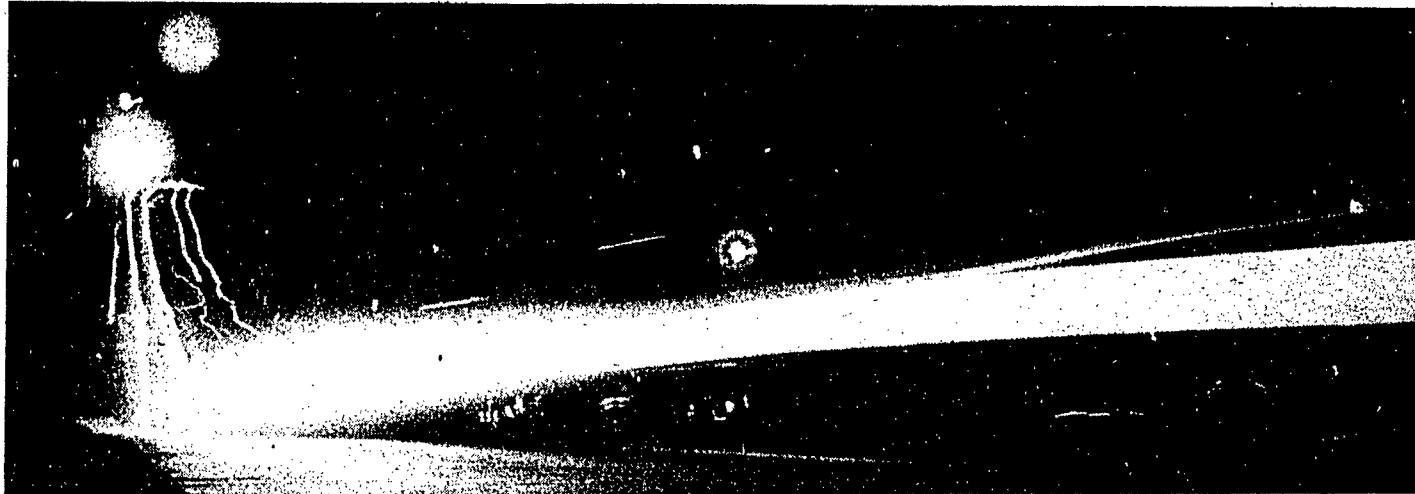
Mic Jones

CRITICISM of SPORTS COVERAGE

Dear Editor,

After reading this week's edition of your newspaper I felt I should take the time to voice my opinion on your "sports editor." This young man must have a terrible concept of Northwest Missouri State University and its sports programs, especially football. Maybe it's time for this individual to take a closer look and understanding at NWMSU sports. I have been associated with Northwest since 1965. In those years as a student, alumni, and now an employee, I have yet to meet a member of a Bearcat athletic team that has gone out on the athletic field to try their best to LOSE an athletic contest. These athletes work hard to do the best job they possibly can for Northwest, only to have one of their classmates print week after week what a bunch of losers they are. I get the feeling that perhaps the sports editor is suffering from the Walter Mitty syndrome. There are some positive things that have taken place on the gridiron this season that could have been mentioned, but weren't. For example, the Bearcat defense put on two goal line stands against Kirksville that were nothing short of great. They did the same in the Rolla game. (However, you have to be at the games to see these things). The 'Cats are young and have been plagued with injuries. We do, however, have a quarterback that is one of the most outstanding in the league. We have a freshman kicking off for us that has the other teams drooling. Until he was hurt, we had a kick and punt returner who is one of the, if not the, best in the MIAA. If he would talk to some of the varsity players he would discover that we have a group of men who feel they are not losers in spite of what he prints week after week. Even when you take time to start your articles on basketball, you can't do it without taking a shot at the football team. Granted, Mr. "Sports Editor," not everything is "coming up roses" at NWMSU, but perhaps if our team got encouragement from you instead of criticism every week, it might help. The football season is going to be over when this letter is printed. However, mark my words, Mr. "Sports Editor," that football team is going to win!!! And when they do I'll bet the football team will let you jump on their band wagon. You see that team is made up of some outstanding young men and men are able to learn to forgive the actions of people like you.

Vinnie Vaccaro
Executive Secretary Alumni Relations



In focus

A closer examination and time-exposure photography by Frank Mercer brought out the unusual in the ordinary as cars stream along College Avenue at night.

CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC SLANTED BY PRESS

It began as a pointed slam at NWMSU, which was labeled a "big dying university" in an editorial that appeared in the *Griffon News*, Missouri Western State College's student newspaper.

But it has evolved into one of the hottest and most widely-covered topics by the area media.

Although the *Missourian* carried a story concerning the possibility of MWSC and NWMSU merging into a regional university more than two months ago, a professional newspaper and a television station have only recently investigated the situation.

KQTV, of St. Joseph, recently finished a five-part series dealing with the possible uniting of the schools, while the *St. Joseph News-Press* covered the story in their Nov. 12 edition.

It's a fairly dismal situation when professionals in the field of journalism and broadcasting must depend upon college student newspapers for story ideas. But, an even more bleak situation than that, is when a professional writer covers the story as poorly as the *News-Press* covered the NWMSU/MWSC story.

The total concept of a reporter is to obtain information concerning the topic and to present both sides of a controversial issue to the public.

However, this concept was entirely demolished by the *News-Press* story.

Only seven paragraphs of the full page feature were devoted to what the two college newspaper staffs had accomplished with the visit. And, more

importantly, of these seven paragraphs, absolutely no remarks or comments made by *Missourian* staff members were printed.

The *Griffon News* Editor Byron Golden was granted a few words in the feature, enough to voice his opinion on the visit and to comment that "they (individuals associated with NWMSU) really don't like Missouri Western" and that he was "boiling" because he couldn't get any answers to his questions during the visit.

Maybe Golden did have difficulties in getting his questions answered, but what about the *Missourian* staff members? Did they have unanswered questions to the *Griffon* staff?

The writer failed to state both sides of the issue and, therefore, left the reader with an "anti-NWMSU" attitude.

How are college newspaper staffs supposed to react to such a third-rate feature? Most college staff members are looking forward to professions in the field of journalism or in related fields. But to see a college graduate with a professional news writing position write such a one-sided and prejudiced story would certainly disappoint any future writer.

Journalism is a very crowded field, with many people seeking jobs as newswriters. With it being this crowded, there's really no excuse for this poorly-written material.

The *Missourian* staff has proven that NWMSU is not dying. After all, a dying university wouldn't publish a paper that has covered a story more efficiently, more professionally and quicker than two professional media.

LETTERS FROM READERS

GRAVEL ROADS full of RUTS

Dear Editor:

Have any of you students ever driven on a washboard? Well, if you haven't, try driving on one of the gravel roads leaving this campus towards U.S. 71. There are so many potholes and ruts out there it is lucky no one else gets killed. You have to go slow on them, but you still get rattled and shook to death. In the winter they are so sloppy and mucky that at times it seems almost impossible to get through unless you have a four-wheel drive pickup.

What can be done? Well, the state of county can put in new roads that are either made of cement or asphalt to make smoother and better roads. But, as you can see they would rather spend more money on our campus tearing it up and putting in a lot of unnecessary sidewalks. Something should be done before someone gets hurt on these early 20th Century roads.

Sincerely,

Doug Geer
NWMSU Student

RHINO-BOOTS criticized

Dear Editor,

Sometimes those "small inconveniences" are so inconvenient that I could scream. I am referring to those miserable Rhino-Boots, used by our illustrious NWMSU Security Department. I see no practical use for them, (except, of course, to swindle bucks from us, who make less than \$5,000 a year.) Oh, well, I guess it isn't all bad. At least now I have a clear conscience, knowing I paid my \$29 debt to campus society!

Dwight D. Lane
Off-Campus, and glad of it!!!

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This newspaper does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the University administration or other personnel.

Letters to the editor are welcomed. They must be signed and must not exceed the 350-word limit. This publication reserves the right to edit.

THANKS TO CHINESE CLUB

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the Chinese Club for sponsoring the Youth Goodwill Mission held October 28 at Charles Johnson Theater. It was simply a fantastic event!

To those who missed this opportunity, I only hope that they realize that some weekends in Maryville only come once in a lifetime.

A NWMSU Granger Graduate,
R.J. Nizzi

CONCRETE DESTROYS CAMPUS BEAUTY

Dear Editor,

In seeing the amount of concrete being poured on our campus I felt a great need to express my utter dismay. I fully understand why it was necessary and I place the blame on the NWMSU students. The addition of so many sidewalks has destroyed some of the beauty of our campus especially where the quads are concerned. Had the students of this campus the foresight to see what their shortcuts to class would have eventually caused, I believe they would have thought twice about cutting across the open lawns. I have always been proud of what a beautiful campus NWMSU has and I apologize to everyone else who senses this. The thoughtlessness of students, myself included, which degraded the beauty of this campus was inexcusable. My wish is that we can all learn from this and think twice about the ways in which we can effect the beauty of nature.

Barb Tiffin

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